



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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Wednesdays
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 - 8:00pm
Benediction ~ 7:50pm



"Raising kids may be a thankless job with ridiculous hours, but at least the pay sucks."

—JIM GAFFIGAN

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MASS INTENTIONS

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

4:00pm - 4:45pm - *Confessions*

5:00pm - (+) *John Brandl*

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th

8:00am - 8:45am - *Confessions*

9:00am - *For the People of the Parish*

**Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

MONDAY, JUNE 20th

No Mass at St. Stephen's

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st

+ *St. Aloysius Gonzaga* +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd

+ *St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More* +

8:00am - *Alan Byington*

6:00pm - 8:00pm - *Adoration & Confessions*

THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd

**Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

5:30pm - *Holy Mass*

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th

**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:00am - *For the People of the Parish*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00pm - 4:45pm - *Confessions*

5:00pm - +*Bishop Donald Hying*

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th

8:00am - 8:45am - *Confessions*

9:00am - *For the People of the Parish*

**Please maintain a respectful silence in the church for those who wish to pray.*

Liturgical Ministers June 25 - 26

Saturday, June 25 - 5:00pm

Servers: Allison & Henry Hahn

Lector: Barb Lipetri

Sunday, June 26 - 9:00am

Servers: Joe Collins, Brooks Benisch,
Wesley Brueggen

Lector: Garrett Schneider

The late-Archbishop Harry Flynn would begin the celebration of Mass by inviting us to become aware of "our need" for God's forgiveness and mercy. My *need*. What needs do I bring with me to Mass? Certainly, there are family concerns, country and global concerns, community concerns, job concerns, health concerns, financial concerns, etc. As I've gotten older, I don't think that these were the needs he was talking about. The needs I have deal more with my 'soul-sickness' than anything else. These (aka, sin) involve those private, interior battles of doubt, lust, insecurity, abandonment, anger, worry, boredom, bitterness, powerlessness, gluttony, greed, judgement, and condemnation, apathy ... all sorts of symptoms that keep us *incurvatus in se* – curved inwards towards ourselves – as St. Augustine would say. Rather than go to Jesus with our needs, we think that we have to fix ourselves with all the modern self-help approaches available to us ... or sometimes, we deny there's a need altogether through fear or ignorance! But these human remedies lack the genuine power to heal a soul-sickness, which only Jesus' presence can. Only a brief review of the Gospels reminds us what happens every time Jesus appears on the scene: people are healed, sicknesses are cured, and evidence of Jesus' Kingdom is believed.

So, our needs – whatever they may be, no matter how grievous or many there are – become the offering that we bring each time we come to Mass. The verbs in the Gospel text then show us what Jesus does with our meager offerings (symbolized by the loaves). Jesus "takes" the loaves – the curse of sin away from us through his cross, he "blesses" them – with divine adoption into the family of God through faith and baptism, he "breaks" them – through instruction and experience and prayer that our ways aren't his ways, and then "gives" them to the disciples for distribution – so we can share with others how our lives have been changed by Jesus.

The Eucharist – his body, blood, soul, and divinity – then, is the sacrament of Jesus' abiding presence (μένει, menō) within us. He is with us in our need. We are aware of this mystery only in faith, with the spiritual eyes of a pure heart. We are not left abandoned or orphaned to figure out this messy life according to our own whims and fascinations. He gently tethers himself to us in the Eucharist, so our sorrows are his, our tribulations and trials are his, our joys are his. Our life becomes his life because his life courses within our souls. So, the Eucharist is not an event we attend or a commodity we consume, but the mystery of a Person we encounter that brings peace into the senseless and broken world in which we find ourselves today.

Br. John-Marmion Villa

(Source: <https://4lpi.com/blog/sacrament-abiding-presence/>)



Ministry of Giving ~ Offertory

May 22: \$1,382.00 Received to Date: \$142,482.27
 May 29: \$1,813.00 Budgeted to Date: \$120,200.00
 June 5: \$1,698.00
 June 12: \$5,213.00

THANK YOU!



50TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success! Whether you were part of the planning committee, volunteered your time, talent, and/or treasure in various other ways, or just simply for your presence - we appreciate you! St. Stephens has always been blessed by a spirit of giving & that spirit could be seen as we celebrated 50 years of this faith community. **THANK YOU!!!**



Before Procession

Beginning of Procession



End of Procession



Benediction after Procession



CALENDAR

- June 21 - Thirsting Tuesday, 6:00pm
- June 23 - Solemnity of St. John the Baptist Mass, 5:30pm
- June 24 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Mass, 8:00am
- June 27 - Blood Drive at the Family Center, 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- June 28 - Thirsting Tuesday, 6:00pm
- July 2 - First Saturday Mass, 9:00am
- July 4 - Independence Day Mass at St. Thomas, 8:00am

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

June 19, 3:00pm

The Janesville Catholic Churches invite you to a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Janesville. Event begins at 3:00pm at Nativity of Mary Church, 313 E. Wall St. Participants will walk to St. Patrick Church, 315 Cherry St. and end with Benediction in St. Patrick Church. After the procession, The Knights of Columbus will provide grilled meats and music. Bring your own beverages and seating. Information: saintpatrickofjanesville.org/corpus-christi

STATELINE WORKS OF MERCY



- * Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at St. Thomas 6:00pm
- * We are pleased to announce we will be renting space at 655 Bluff Street from the United Church of Beloit.
- * We plan to open in early fall. If possible, a qualified electrician & plumber are sought for a donation of their time and expertise.
- * We encourage men & women to participate as volunteers in greeting our guests, as well as helping with laundry service. Training & schedule flexibility. Morning Shifts 8:30 to 12:30. Afternoon Shifts 12:30 to 4:30. Contact us through our email address or your parish office. We will be happy to welcome you!

THANK YOU for your prayers and financial support. With your help, we are succeeding! Donations may be sent to: **Statenline Works of Mercy, PO Box 1341, Beloit, WI 53512**



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

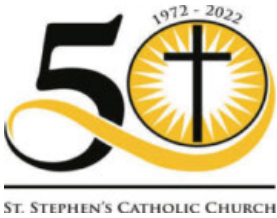
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has begun a three-year Eucharistic revival effort. Find information and sign up for the e-newsletter at www.eucharisticrevival.org

THANK YOU



A donation of \$309.00 was made to Wisconsin Right to Life, Rock County Chapter from our Mother's Day Rose Sale - **Thank You** for your generosity!



St. Stephen's Catholic Church: Getting to Know Parish Members



Mark and Mary Gilbank-Peterson

I grew up attending St. Catherine's in downtown Clinton (was Copper Falls and now Hickory Woods Events venue). I was a senior in high school when St Stephens was completed. Some memories I have is the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) group went to downtown Chicago to see the play Jesus Christ Super Star with Father Healy. Being in the big city and then to see an awesome professional play was something I still remember today 50 years later! Thank you, Father Healy! We also did a bike a thon to raise money for a local charity, held dances. We were an active group.

Other memories.... Easter Sunday wearing a new bonnet and dress, kneeling in front with 10 others for communion, playing and singing the same songs every week! Organ was a short version of a full size, wooded benches, wooden kneelers, mass in Latin, wearing a veil. I remember one gal had a Kleenex on her head because she forgot her veil. Taking a bus every Saturday morning to Sharon for catechism classes. Now called Faith Formation.

My husband Mark Peterson and I married in June of 1994 at St Stephens. We have 2 children Macy 1996 who married James Walter in Dec. 2019 at St Stephens. We have a granddaughter Mackenzie Walter who is 8 yrs. old and a grandson Jackson who was born July 2021. Macy is a realtor we work together for Shorewest Realtor's and James works with his father at Walter and Son. Our youngest son Mitchell 1997 has a fence building business and raises show cattle. Mark and I are the proud owners of the Cougar Lanes in beautiful downtown Clinton.

We are very proud that my Father and Mother Jim and Nell Gilbank were instrumental along with a several other charter members to receive approval from the bishop to build St Stephens. Named after our priest for many years Fr. Stephen Peil. Growing up with 6 brothers and sisters my folks would make sure we were up, dressed and in church by 9am EVERY Sunday.

My father had a vision which always made my mother nervous! He felt it important to have a home for our priest and then to build the family center, he felt it would be beneficial to our church members but also to our community. Once the remodeling of the meeting room in the family center was completed in 2015, Father Bill insisted the name of the meeting room to be named The Gilbank room. Thank you, Father Bill.

My claim to fame is my sister Pat Wendtland, who has been playing organ since she was 13! Thanks Patricia, for all you do.

--Father Andrew thank you for all you do! We are lucky to have you here to inspire, educate and influence the young and old!



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Gary and Rhonda Gilbank

Gary is the Vice President of Gilbank Construction, Inc. and I retired from the Clinton Community School District in 2018. I'm now a 24/7 caretaker for my mother. We have two children: one son, Brian, that lives in Iowa with his wife Amy. They have two daughters, Loryn 11 and Molly 7 and a son due this August. And one daughter, Amanda, that just moved back to Clinton in March (2022) with her husband Elias.

Gary has been a member of St. Catherine's and St. Stephen's Parish his entire life. Gary helped construct St. Stephen's Family Center and his father, Jim, built the church and rectory. Before becoming a member of St. Stephen's in 1987, I attended St. Peter's and St. Thomas. Father Pat married us in 1987 and will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary this October. We were the second wedding reception held at the new family center. As members of St. Stephen's, Gary was an altar boy and worked Friday nights at BINGO. After I joined, currently I help clean church and donate to the fundraisers. In the past, I also worked BINGO; was a Eucharistic Minister; a model at the Mother/Daughter luncheon, where I wore my wedding dress; helped clean up at Pork Chop Dinners and took many pictures for the parish.

On the weekends, Gary and I have a new love for the outdoors. We stay busy cleaning up from the fallen trees on our property; hunting (turkey and deer); kayaking; hiking; and singing campfire songs with family. We always make time to travel to Iowa to see the grandchildren. During the week, I stay busy sewing, quilting, and crafting.



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